

Merrimack Parks and Recreation Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 05.18.16
Merrimack Town Hall, Memorial Conference Room
7:00pm

Attendees: Chris Christensen, Laura Jaynes, Christine Lavoie, Jackie Flood, Dan Ricker, Cinda Guagliumi – School Board, Maureen Hall – Senior Citizens Club (arrived 7:04) and Michelle Cushman
Parks and Recreation Director: Matt Casparius

Absent:

Excused: Julie Poole, Dan Dwyer – Town Council and Rick Greenier – MYA

Public:

Start time: 7:02pm

- 1 Open Meeting/Introduction
- 2 Approval of minutes from April 20th, 2016
 - Christine Lavoie made the motion to accept the April Meeting Minutes
 - Cinda Guagliumi 2nd the motion
 - 5-0-2 motion passed
- 3 New Business
 - Watson Park Yard Sale – Saturday, June 18th from 9 – 2 pm update from Jackie Flood
 - 6 Volunteers needed
 - Items needed and would like to fund these things through fundraising
 - \$20 for first table, \$20 for second table and free after that if more tables are needed
- 4 Old Business
 - Update from the Friends of the Merrimack Dog Park - Christine Lavoie and Matt Casparius
 - Project Update
 - Balance is \$55,234.85
 - Bid process completed and 4 bids came in from a range of \$80,000 - \$100,000
 - All 4 bids were rejected
 - The dog park budget is being reviewed for updates to go back out to bid for mid-June
 - Upcoming Fundraisers
 - Sponsorship program
 - Donations
 - Play groups
 - Restaurant fundraiser is being planned
 - Nashua Telegraph might post a story on the dog park
 - Athletic Field Usage Updates - Matt Casparius
 - Martel Field and Men's Softball issue update is the teams have been up and running for a month

- One issue from spectators on opening day and nothing since
- One light got fixed
- Athletic Field Planning - Matt Casparius
 - Need a sub group to look at town land for possible future development

5 Director's Report - Matt Casparius

- Summer Programs Update
 - Camp opens in 6 weeks
 - Registrations are continuing to come in
 - Fully staffed for camp
- Wasserman Park Improvements Update
 - Sprinklers
 - Bids are in and need to be installed
 - Windows & Insulation
 - Bids are in and windows and insulations will be installed
 - Rental Updates
 - Town Council gave final approvals
 - 11 groups already asking to rent the hall
 - Water has been turned on
- Summer Movie Nights - Matt Casparius
 - Friday, June 17th Star Wars: The Force Awakens 8:15 pm at Abbie Griffin Park and is sponsored by the Merrimack Lion's Club
 - Friday, July 15th Finding Nemo 8:00 pm at Abbie Griffin Park and is sponsored by the Merrimack Lion's Club
 - Thursday, Aug 25th Minions 7:30 pm at Wasserman Park and is sponsored by iHeart Radio Boston Kiss 108
- Miscellaneous Department Updates
 - Invitation was received from Ian Finken, Troop 401, for Sunday June 12th at 1pm at St. James Church

6 Organization Reports

- Senior Citizens Club - Maureen Hall
 - June 1st – Foxwoods Casino is full
 - June 23rd – Super-Stars of Country - 2 seats open
 - July 6th – Interlakes Summer Theater
 - July – The Hay Day of the Big Bands
 - August 10th – Cruise for Mt. Washington
 - September 7th - Cape Cod Canal Cruise & Sandwich Glass Museum
 - Blinds have been ordered
 - Artists' paintings will be up and shown soon
- MYA - Rick Greenier – not present update from Matt Casparius
 - Brian Leclaire has moved from Member at Large to Assistant Secretary
 - Sports currently in session include baseball, softball, lacrosse and soccer
- Town Council –Dan Dwyer – not present
- School Board – Cinda Guagliumi
 - June 20th is last day of school

- School Board has given a charge to the Planning and Building Committee to look at all school district property and potential uses and this includes the O’Gara Dr. property (currently houses hockey rink, skate park and tennis courts)
- Thornton’s Ferry will be honored as Elementary School of the Year in the state of NH on June 11th in Concord
- Art Educator teacher will be honored in Concord

7 Comments from the Public - was nothing

8 Comments from the Committee

- Jackie Flood talked about money from National Chamber of Commerce for possible sidewalk pavement needed
- Chris Christensen reminded everyone that July 4th is coming up and Matt Casparius said floats and volunteers are needed
- Chris Christensen said that Family Fun Day from the Rotary Club is also underway for July 4th

9 Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, June 15th will be at Wasserman Park
- No meeting in July

10 Adjourn at 7:53pm

- Laura Jaynes made the motion to adjourn at 7:53pm
- Cinda Guagliumi 2nd the motion
- 8-0-0 motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Cushman